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Calendar of Events to Occur.

WESSEX FISCHAUER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY: Annual meeting at Marion, Saturday, Jan. 11th, 1879, at 1 o'clock, P. M. J. F. Thome, Secretary.

PEACEABLE COUNTY FARMERS' CLUB: County Farmers' Convention at Town Hall, Hampden, Friday, Jan. 26th, J. E. S. Sane, Secretary. West Branch.

COUNTY FARMERS' CONVENTION: at Grange Hall, on the 26th, J. E. S. Sane, Secretary. P. A. Biessell, Medical Association.

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HUNDRED DOLLARS, offered by Stillman B. of the best acre of Indian Corn grown in Maine in 1879, within the limits of the North Kennebec Agricultural Society, provided it remains or exceeds one hundred years old, for the best of Indian Corn grown in 1878, as follows: \$100 for the largest yield; \$50 for the second largest, and \$10 each for the next largest yields.

SEVENTY DOLLARS, offered by the Farmers' Club, the pedigree of Cassius M. Clay, Jr., Almonte, Massachusetts, and condensing him into a single acre, for the best of Indian Corn grown in 1879.

Twenty-five DOLLARS, offered by the Waterville Journal for the best acre of Indian Corn grown in 1879, within the limits of the North Kennebec Agricultural Society, provided it remains or exceeds one hundred and thirty-seven years old, for the best of Indian Corn grown in 1878, as follows: \$100 for the largest yield; \$50 for the second largest, and \$10 each for the next largest yields.

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SEVENTY DOLLARS, offered by John W. Vassie, Esq., for the best crop of wheat, corn and garden vegetables, grown by members of the Penobscot Farmers' Club.

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work, by sending the name of a NEW SUBSCRIBER for the year 1879? It will help us to make the Farmer a better paper, and besides every subscriber gets the worth of his money many times over.

Eggs.

Next to milk, eggs form the best and most economical source of human food. In fact, like milk, they are almost a perfect food, healthy, strengthening, liked by everybody, and may be served in a multitude of ways to suit almost every fancy. They are rich in fat and carbonaceous matter, and contain two per cent. of nitrogen. One would naturally suppose from the character of eggs, that they would be quite readily digested, but on the contrary, they require about the same time in digestion as does mutton, which is between three and four hours; although something depends upon the manner in which they are cooked — raw eggs taken in milk or wine being more readily digested than fried, boiled or cooked in any other way, and for this reason raw eggs in milk are soonest recommended for invalids, or persons needing special nourishment.

It is very difficult to ascertain exactly the number of eggs produced and consumed in this country annually, because they have not heretofore been deemed of sufficient importance to have a place in the general statistics of the country; and while the estimates of consumption by the large cities are believed to be over-stated, there can be no question but if the actual numbers consumed could be accurately obtained, it would startle one by their magnitude. New York is said to consume one hundred thousand dozen of eggs daily, Philadelphia eighty thousand, and Boston sixty thousand — amounts which seem immense, and which we have no means of verifying. While they probably may not be far from correct, our readers may accept them with what degree of alacrity they choose.

Now these eggs which form so large a item of human food, play so important a part in commerce, and are after all looked upon as the chief articles of food for the masses, it is the greatest source of success. This strictly accords with the best established rule in breeding, that the best results are obtained for the best breeds, and for many generations, the best blood of the best families, especially after there has been a judicious out-cross of other successful blood that is remolded to the taste of the market — and this is the secret of success in breeding most but the best specimens of the very best families. This is in strict accordance with the first axiom in breeding that "like begets like, or the like-ness of some ancestor." So if you want the best you must use the best to produce them.

Make no mistake, and always breed with the best extremes of both sexes.

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## Poetry.

### The Song of the Mystic.

Long ago was I weary of voices  
Whose music my soul could not win;  
Long ago was I weary of noise,  
And I sat in the world as a lone;  
Around me but God's and my own;  
And the hush of my heart is as hush;  
As a hush that is hush.

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I walked in the world with the worldly,  
Till I found the true; and the true gave;  
And I sat in the world as a lone;  
That was the star on life's wave,  
Life on which I was born. Now I laugh,  
And sleep like a dream in the grave.

And still did I pine for the perfect,  
And not for the false; for the true is the best;

Then I sat in the world as a lone;

And caught a glimpse of his bloom;

And I sat in the world as a lone;

That was the star on life's wave,  
Life on which I was born. Now I laugh,

And sleep like a dream in the grave.

Indeed, love, I should think of such

a thing, as am so deeply impressed by

your prophetic vision."

"Now, Little!"

"Well, dear, why not? Remember this

is the eve of St. John, and your birthday.

Even the stars are the especial favorites of

the fairy folk, and subject to their influence

on that night. It is plain enough that the

lady in green was your fairy godmother,

and your vision must be true."

"But it is true, Edward."

"Edward went off again, but when we thought he had done, he suddenly

started off again, and laughed till it was

midnight. Then he came in, in the dark, with

his sister, and he was as sweet as the dew-drops.

That fall on the roses in May;

And I sat in the world as a lone;

Assuredly, I had seen the star on life's wave,

Life on which I was born. Now I laugh,

And sleep like a dream in the grave.

Do you ask what I have in the Valley?

I have in the Valley a star on life's wave;

And I sat in the world as a lone;

That was the star on life's wave,

Life on which I was born. Now I laugh,

And sleep like a dream in the grave.

But far on the deep there are bilows

That never shall break on the beach,

And I have heard songs in the Valley;

And I have had dreams in the Valley;